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FACILITIES TO TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the development of tourism in the country has come to a naught for lack of infrastructural and other facilities;

(b) if so, whether the Government have formulated any scheme to remove bottlenecks coming in the way of tourists; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) : Creation of infrastructural facilities play a major role in development and promotion of tourism in the country. Department of Tourism, Government of India has a scheme to provide financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of infrastructure and promotion of tourism every year in consultation with them.

The Department of Tourism, Government of India has formulated the following short term and long term plans to encourage the foreign as well as domestic tourists: -

1) Positioning and maintaining tourism development as a National priority activity.
2) Enhancing and maintaining the competitiveness of India as a tourism destination
3) Improving India`s existing tourism products and expanding these to meet new market requirements
4) Creation of world class infrastructure
5) Developing sustained and effective market plans and programmes
6) Special thrust to rural and small segment tourism and
7) Attention to civilizational issues and issues pertaining to civic administration and good governance and also of social and cultural values.